Opportunity to Comment on the 2020 Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Washburn Ranger District Bayfield, Wisconsin Located in: T44N, R87W, Sections. 16-21 and 28-30.

The USDA Forest Service is proposing a project to take action to slow the spread of gypsy moth infestations on the Washburn Ranger District.

The goal of the project is to take action to slow the spread of gypsy moth infestations on the Washburn Ranger District. The proposal involves aerial application of a gypsy moth mating disruptant (known as pheromones) in one treatment block (3,065 acres) in Bayfield County in June or July 2020. The objective of the treatment is to saturate the area with enough pheromone to confuse male gypsy moths.

A more detailed proposed action description, and project maps are available for review at https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57732. Questions or additional information regarding this action can be directed to Jennifer Maziasz 715-373-2667 ext. 5235, email: jennifer.maziasz@usda.gov.

How to Comment and Timeframe: This project is subject to the pre-decisional administrative review (objection) process found in 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Comments are welcome at any time, but only those who submit timely, project-specific, written comments during this public comment period would be eligible to file an objection.

Comments must be postmarked or received within 30 days, beginning on the first day after publication of this notice in The Daily Press, Ashland, Wisconsin. Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2). Other eligibility requirements are defined by 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3) and include name, postal address, title of the project and signature or other verification of identity upon request and the identity of the individual or entity who authored the comments.

Submit written comments to Trevor Hahka, District Ranger, 113 Bayfield Street East, P.O. Box 578, Washburn, WI 54891; facsimile (715) 373-2878; or email: comments-eastern-chequamegon-nicolet-washburn@fs.fed.us (please put "Gypsy Moth Control" in the subject line). Office hours for those who wish to hand deliver comments are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Central Time, Monday through Friday (except for Federal holidays). Acceptable formats for electronic comments are text or html e-mail, Adobe portable document format, and formats viewable in Microsoft Office applications. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted.

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